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1. DCM HAD PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED MEETING WITH GENERAL PIERRE SEMENGUE, THE CHAIRMAN OF COORDINATION STAFF AND INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE CAMEROONIAN ARMED FORCES (THE MOST SENIOR MILITARY OFFICER) TO DISCUSS INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR THE PREPARATION OF OUR SUBMISSION OF A RESPONSE TO REFTEL (B) ON SECURITY ASSISTANCE. THE OCCASION WAS TAKEN TO EMPHASIZE OUR POLICY OF RESTRAINT IN ARMS TRANSFERS AND TO MAKE THE POINTS IN REFTEL (A), PARTICULARLY 4D. GENERAL SEMENGUE INDICATED THAT HE APPRECIATED BEING INFORMED OF THIS INITIATIVE AND QUITE UNDERSTOOD OUR POSITION; HOWEVER, HE WISHED TO REASSURE THE USG THAT ALL GURC REQUESTS FOR SECURITY ASSISTANCE WERE DEFENSIVE IN CHARACTER AS DISTINCT FROM THE SOVIET POLICY WHICH PROVIDED WEAPONS IN SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES AND SOPHISTICATION TO CONSTITUTE OFFENSIVE THREATS.

2. I WILL BE SEEING SECRETARY GENERAL IN THE PRESIDENCY (IN
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CHARGE OF THE DAILY OPERATION OF THE GURC IN THE CURRENT ABSENCE OF PRESIDENT AHIDJO AT THE OAU MEETING) AND HOPE TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO INFORM HIM CONCERNING US-SOVIET CONVENTIONAL ARMS TALKS.
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